

# Marlborough Public Library

## 2010 Annual Report

Presented by the Marlborough Public Library  
Board of Trustees

### Library Mission

The mission of the Marlborough Public Library is to create a community meeting house where citizens of all ages are free to gather and pursue common educational, cultural and recreational interests.

The Marlborough Public Library continued its role as a community meeting place throughout 2010 by offering a range of free services, materials, and programs for the city's residents.

Our collection is continually being reviewed and updated to meet the needs of our diverse community, with 9,579 new materials added throughout the year. More than just books, we continually add DVDs, music CDs, audiobooks, and large print books.

In addition to providing new materials, the library conducted over 250 programs in 2010. These ranged from Story Hour and summer reading programs for children to book clubs and educational programs for young adults and adults. 2010's summer reading program was a particular success with 35% increase in participants over last year. In addition to these library programs, further cultural offerings were sponsored by The Friends of the Marlborough Public Library throughout the year such as their photography show, juried art show, and series of author/celebrity talks.

Free Internet access continues to be a very popular service provided by the library. In 2010 computers designated for Young Adults were added. Free wireless service allows laptop users easy access and tables with electric outlets throughout the library keep our patrons comfortably supplied with electricity.

### 2010 By the Numbers

- 182,041 items circulated
- 1,608 museum passes used.
- 280 programs presented by the library staff
- 3,290 people attended programs at the library
- 9,579 new materials added to the library's collection during 2010.
- 26,888 individual uses of library computers.
- According to FY2011 data, the per capita expenditure for the library was \$20.42 or 0.62% of total municipal expenditures.

## Facility Improvements

Throughout 2010, steady progress was made to continually improve the library facility.

Some of the improvements included:

- Additional seating in the Young Adult area to make it more comfortable and inviting
- New consultation area for the reference librarian to use with patrons
- A reorganization of the reference room with updated shelving units and the addition of two conference tables with electric outlets
- New shelving at the front desk for items on hold and a new drop box for returning items



## Change in Leadership

In July 2010, Sal Genovese left his position as Director of the Marlborough Public Library to become the Director of the Walpole Public Library. The Trustees immediately began the search for a new director and in October Margaret Cardello joined the library as the new Director. Margaret's extensive experience as Assistant Regional Administrator with the Central Massachusetts Regional Library System (CMRLS) and previously at the Manchester (NH) City Library will serve Marlborough's library and community well.

## Community Highlights:

2010 was the 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of Marlborough and the library participated in celebrating the occasion in quite a few ways:

- A time capsule buried 50 years ago in 1960 was unearthed from the library lawn and put on display during a reception on September 5<sup>th</sup>
- A new time capsule with current items was once again buried in the library lawn to be opened in another 50 years at Marlborough's 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- The Marlborough Library Foundation published a commemorative book of the historical homes of Marlborough. Proceeds from these book sales benefit the Library Foundation which raises funds for the improvement of the library.
- The Marlborough Historical Society developed a comprehensive pamphlet on the rich history of the Marlborough Public Library, available for free to the public.